

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of: **Hiroki TAMAKI et al.**

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Application No. **10/569,226**

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RESPONSE TO ELECTION OF SPECIES REQUIREMENT

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
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Sir:

This paper is submitted in response to the Official Action dated September 14, 2010, and having a response due date set for October 14, 2010.

Applicants hereby elect to prosecute Species A, Fig. 2A and Sub Species C, method for forming holes. Claim 19 reads on the elected embodiment. This election is made without traverse, it being understood that the Applicants' rights to the filing of a Divisional application directed to the non-elected subject matter under 35 U.S.C. §120 and 35 U.S.C. §121 are retained.

If this paper is not timely filed, Applicants respectfully petition for an appropriate extension of time. If any additional fees are due in connection with this paper, please charge Deposit Account No. 50-2866.

Respectfully submitted,

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